

# Remembrance Sunday

8 November 2020

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## Collect

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Welcome

### Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

**Sunday  
8 Nov**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP) *online***

**9.30am O Zone *online***

**10.30am Coffee *on zoom***

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73557783878?pwd=VUNPQWo2UGZoR2x3TnBveE5wZXZIUT09>  
Meeting ID: 735 5778 3878 Passcode: 622Xfp

**10.45am Remembrance Day Service *live streamed***

***Sadly, with the second lockdown, we are no longer allowed to meet for worship in the church – but the usual 11am services will continue to be available online***

**5.30pm Prayer Meeting *on zoom***

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71663020798?pwd=dzFKSTJabHE5UGt0YzdsZIFONWIGZz09>  
Meeting ID: 716 6302 0798 Passcode: rhgC3X

**Second lockdown** 😞 - that's a real blow to us all. It means that our Sunday worship will now all be online. It also means that the Centre will be closed and our administrator, Pere, will be back on part time furlough. However emails and phone messages to the office number will still be monitored should you need to get in touch. Please see a note from John and Paul further on in these notices about how we are to 'be church' in these difficult times.

Next week	
 <b>Mon 9 &amp; Tues 10</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> Join John and Paul on zoom using words from the Church of England Daily Prayer App if you have that - if not we can provide the words 😊 <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09</a> Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray
<b>Wed 11 Nov</b>	<b>10am - 12 midday Church open</b> for private prayer
<b>Fri 13 Nov</b>	<b>6.30pm Youth Club online</b> If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: <a href="mailto:stmattscandy@gmail.com">stmattscandy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sun 15 Nov</b>	<b>'Sea Sunday' with visiting speaker from Mission to Seafarers</b>
	<b>9.30am Growzone online</b>
	<b>10.30am Coffee on zoom</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73557783878?pwd=VUNPQWo2UGZoR2x3TnBveE5wZXZIUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73557783878?pwd=VUNPQWo2UGZoR2x3TnBveE5wZXZIUT09</a> Meeting ID: 735 5778 3878 Passcode: 622Xfp
	<b>11am Holy Communion online</b>

## Note from the clergy

Dear Friends

What difficult times we find ourselves in!

As Bishop Robert writes to us:

**“For many of us, this second lockdown is a body-blow. However, we must not pull back in exhaustion or fear. Earlier in the year, we learned that it is by drawing on the well-springs of our faith and reaching out to those in need that we mitigate isolation and smooth the abrasive edges of lockdown. As Paul writes, ‘We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair’ (2 Cor. 4.8). This is the moment to draw together in mutual support and renew our trust in God who journeys with us.”**

As you will probably realise, we will not be able to hold any services in the church building for this next month or so – however we shall still be providing worship each week online at 9.30 and 11 on the St Matthias YouTube channel. If you have not tried accessing these, please do so. If you are fed up with zoom meetings, please persevere. Even if we find them difficult, it is often better than not meeting at all – and many who are living alone find the contact invaluable.

Indeed, it is more important than ever that we find ways to worship, pray and learn together - even if that is virtually together! We also need to persevere with that on our own at home too.

(We are continuing to distribute paper copies of notice sheets and a weekly sermon to people who are not online and plan to continue to open the church for some times of private prayer.)

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London (Sarah Mullally) have also recently written to church leaders – and they offer challenging but important counsel for us all.

First they remind us to simply be kind to one another – almost everyone will feel the stress of this new situation, and some will be much harder hit than others.

Second they call us to prayer for this whole month – but also invite us to make Thursdays particularly special. Instead of ‘clapping for carers’, they call us to pray and fast in some way if we are able to, for deliverance from this pandemic.

And finally, they remind us of what Jesus calls us to be as His body on earth:

**“In one of the climactic passages of the New Testament, Paul says to those who follow Christ that their “love must be genuine, that they hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.” He asks them to “serve the lord”, exhorting them to “rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.” (See Romans 12.9-12.) None of this is easy. Especially not at the moment. But it is our calling.”**

With our prayers for you

In Christ

John and Paul

## News



**Shoebboxes** We just want to say a massive thank you to all of you who are taking part in this appeal.

Unfortunately because of the lockdown, the date for bringing them in has been postponed and is no longer 14 November.



**The new date will hopefully be Saturday 5 December.** The charity has confirmed that they will delay their Christmas truck to still allow the shoeboxes to be collected so please be reassured that your shoebox will still get to Moldova. If you would like someone to collect your shoebox or have any more queries please:

[stmattscandy@gmail.com](mailto:stmattscandy@gmail.com) Thank you – the Youth Team



### Making Connections ‘The Midweek Catch Up’

In these strange times we are looking to offer another opportunity to meet members of the church family socially. The ‘Midweek Catch Up’ group will be meeting monthly on the second Wednesday of every month from 7-8pm. It’s an opportunity to meet and chat to other church people online

whether you’re new to St Matthias/the Torquay area, or a long time church member who would like to extend their social circle. Bring a glass of something – there will be a different theme each month ranging from quizzes and bake offs to book groups and competitions. First meeting will be **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> November** – see you then!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3858108359?pwd=alg5SEtYam5iT2hVTUI6TjNqYUFIZz09>

Meeting ID: 385 810 8359 Passcode: Church



## **Our new curate Pete, Rachel and Evie!**

Here are a few lines that Pete has written about himself and the family. They hope to move sometime in June 2021.

“We’re really excited to be coming home to Devon in 2021 and joining the St Matthias family! Before we moved to Trinity in Bristol Rachel was a primary school teacher in Exminster and I was a Youth Worker for five

years at Unlimited Church in Exeter. Unlimited was a Bishop’s Mission Order that sought to reach unchurched young people in Exeter and the surrounding area. Before Unlimited, I was a Graphic Designer for a design agency in Bristol. Unlimited stoked our passion for mission to unreached people groups and my studies at Trinity have continued to deepen this passion too. I’m currently wrapping up my MA in Theology, Mission and Ministry which has been a real joy to undertake. We’re both passionate about helping people to go deeper in their discipleship with Jesus and growing in love for the Scriptures too. Last but certainly not least... we have a fun-loving and adventure-seeking toddler called Evie who brings lots of joy wherever she goes. We’re really looking forward to seeing her grow in her understanding of who Jesus is while we’re with you too.”

**Live Chat** If you are joining the worship at the 9.30 premiere YouTube viewings, or the 11am livestreams - do please join in the **live chat** - it's a great way of welcoming and encouraging one another.

**Sad News** We are sorry to let you know that Jean Fricker has died. Her funeral will be in the church at St Matthias on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm and also live streamed – we plan to make the YouTube link available in next week’s notices – or it will be posted on the ‘latest news’ tile on the church website the day before. Numbers are limited by law to 30 people, so we ask that anyone who can watch online does so, and anyone who cannot, please phone to request a place in the church by phoning 01803 311488. We remember Jean with thanks and our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family at this time.



## **‘Mission Torbay 2021’ – what’s that?**

Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.throughfaithmissions.org>

**Torquay Community Larder** are still collecting food supplies. As the church is closed they cannot be left there but Linda will happily collect. Please phone/text her for details on 07790 640372.



**WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE:** Some of us will soon be receiving a notification that we are about to receive a winter fuel allowance. We are asking you to consider whether it might be possible for you to pass on this allowance via our church account to help with the homeless project or with other people in need during these difficult times. If you would like to pass on your allowance, you can do this by BACS transfer to the church account:

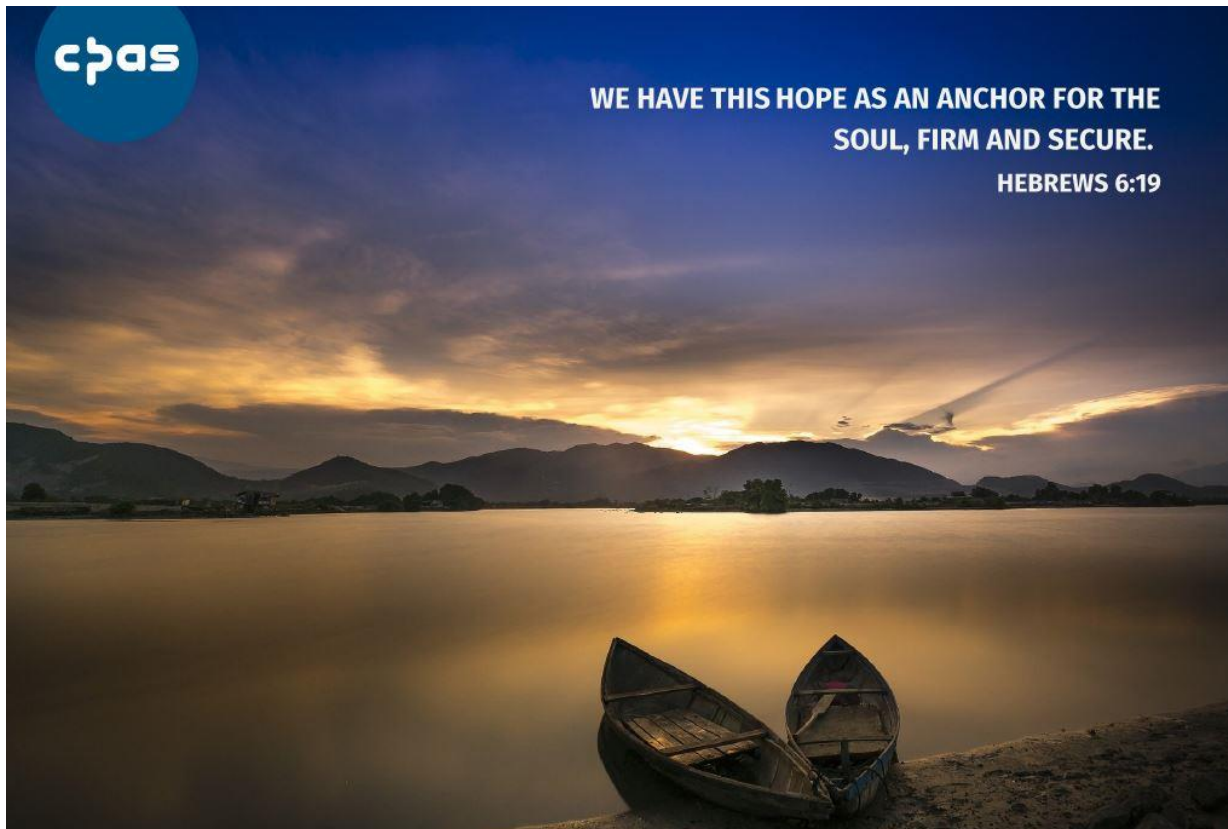
**Account No. 00017933, Sort Code 40-52-40, Marked "Winter"**

If you already gift aid money to the church, please mark the transfer as 'Winter GA'. If you have never gift aided money to the church but are able to with this donation, please let us have your name, address (including post code) and permission to gift aid in an email to: [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org) Thank you.

<b>For our praise and prayers this week</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" 10.45am Remembrance Day Service online. Please pray as we remember with thankfulness and sorrow. Pray too, for all those who are still suffering the loss of loved ones. 5.30pm Prayer meeting on zoom, pray that the prayer life of us all will be deepened and we all become closer to Jesus.
<b>Mon</b>	As we begin another lockdown let us pray we will all be safe, all responsible and that the scientists will find a stop for Covid 19. Above all let us pray in Jesus name that He will have mercy on us and defeat this problem.
<b>Tues</b>	Pray for all who are suffering as a result of this pandemic; all who have lost jobs, lost salaries to buy food, all who are frightened, all who are suffering from the disease.
<b>Wed</b>	Pray for Alpha online – for those attending and those leading that they may all know who Jesus is and come to love Him more.
<b>Thurs</b>	Pray for the USA that the President, whoever has been elected, will lead the people with compassion, wisdom and integrity. Pray that there will be racial harmony.
<b>Fri</b>	Pray for the sick, lonely, and frightened people in our Church Family. May they find the peace of God which passes all understanding.
<b>Sat</b>	Pray for the countries of the world where there is unrest or suffering from earthquakes, shootings and anarchy.
<b>Sun</b>	Pray for the Staff Team, those who lead services and those who prepare the online services, praying for guidance, imagination and inspiration.

**DVDs of Audrey Cook** You will have seen that Audrey Cook sadly died earlier this year and was remembered in the memorial service last Sunday. One of her friends has made copies of Audrey playing the piano – if anyone would like a copy please email the office [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org).

**Accommodation for two required** to rent in the Torquay area for a maths teacher and his wife who have recently arrived here from South Africa. If anyone can help please could they contact Lindsay Glazebrook: [lindsayglazebrook@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayglazebrook@gmail.com)



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**Thanks go to:** all those helping others in this new lockdown with shopping and friendship



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